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Office of Military Legal Assistance

OUR VISION

The Nevada Office of the Attorney General seeks to create the first of its kind, AG led Office of Military Legal Assistance. (OMLA). The OMLA creates a public private partnership between Nevada's military community and Nevada's legal community through pro bono representation of eligible service members by barred Nevada attorneys across eight different areas of civil law.



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OUR MISSION

The OMLA will act as a clearing house, to provide eligible active duty, reservists and national guard members who live in Nevada, access to pro bono civil legal services. This program will not require any of the lawyers employed by the OAG to practice law and it does not create an entitlement to legal services.



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Implementation of the Program

To create the program three critical issues had to be addressed:

1. Passing Legislation to create the OMLA within the AG's office (SB 60).
2. Advisory Board formation with Nevada Stake holders.
3. Utilization of pre-existing intake structures, and extending legal aid malpractice insurance to attorneys working under this program.



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Budget Account 1030

Substance

1. Areas of Law
 - Exclusion of Criminal and Family Law cases
 - Beginning Program Areas: Military Rights Issues, Wills and POAs, Property Landlord, Creditor Debtor, Consumer Fraud, Naturalization/Immigration and Predatory Lending.
 - Expansion of Legal Services to the Veteran Community: Proactive management; increased visibility to AG and early intervention in cases by senior staff; coordinate agency training efforts for repeat litigation; reduce Expenditures on Outside counsel.
2. Working with JAG components (active, reserve and national guard) and state wide veterans service officers to create a screening process and intake system.
 - pro bono attorneys and legal aid organizations placement in the program according to their specialties and grants.
 - *Involved the state Judiciary to accept the program being able to represent service members remotely.*



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Current Successes

Current Successes of the OMLA

1. Legislation SB 60 passed
2. Active participation from all components of the Nevada military community.
3. Collaboration with pre-existing state and county legal aid groups to assign cases based on income and location.
4. Aggressive recruitment of pro bono lawyers has garnered over 100 attorneys for a minimum of 10 hours of pro-bono work a year.



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Long Term Goals, Metrics and Policies

Long Term OMLA Office Performance Metrics

Military Performance Measures

1. Number of Service Members represented that would otherwise have been left without recourse.
2. Reductions in foreclosures, lost jobs, instances of predatory lending.
3. Calculable effect on military readiness.

Legal Performance Measures

1. Number of service members represented.
2. Number of cases in each legal discipline and each location
3. Number of trainings provided to pro bono attorneys in military legal areas
4. Timely disposition and quality of representation surveys

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